

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Figure 1. This sheet, which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including Figure 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-12 and 15-23 are pending in the present application. New claims 21-23 have been added by this Amendment. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended by this Amendment. Claims 5, 13 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication that claims 4, 5, 12-14, 16 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the amendments made herewith incorporating allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner in each of the independent claims, Applicants believe that each of the claims pending in the present application is allowable.

Drawings

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). In particular, the Examiner asserts that "a water supply connected to a pump" must be shown or the features canceled from the claims. Applicants submit herewith a replacement sheet including Fig. 1 amended to show a water supply connected to a pump.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Weiner (U.S. Patent No. 3,017,888) in view of Lerner (U.S. Patent No. 5,956,963). Claims 9, 18, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Weiner and Lerner in view of Junkins (U.S. Patent No. 6,715,309).

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of now canceled claim 5. As noted above, the Examiner indicates that claim 5 contains allowable subject matter. Independent claim 1 is accordingly deemed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons. Claims 2-4, 6-12 and 15-20, which depend from claim 1, are deemed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as is claim 1, as well as on their own merits.

New independent claim 21 is claim 4 rewritten in independent form. As noted above, the Examiner indicates that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter. Independent claim 21 is accordingly deemed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons. New claims 22 and 23, which depend from claim 21, are deemed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as is claim 21, as well as on their own merits.

CONCLUSION

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and early notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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